



LP7 Rec'd PCT/PTO 10 JAN 2006

PCT

Attorney Docket #0288-034P/JAB

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re : U.S. Patent Application of S. Chava; S.R. Gorantla; and V.S.K. Indukuri
S.N. : 10/553,821 Group Art Unit: Unknown
Filed : October 19, 2005 Examiner : Not Yet Assigned
For : **Process For The Preparation Of Gabapentin Form-II**

New York, NY
January 5, 2006

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants wish to bring the attention of the Examiner to the references set forth on the annexed Form PTO/SB/08A which may be of interest in connection with examination of the identified application. One copy of each reference identified is submitted herewith.

U.S. Patents 4,024,175 and 4,087,544 disclose Gabapentin and processes for its preparation as hydrochloride and sodium salts.

U.S. 2003/0009055, U.S. 6,465,689, U.S. 5,091,567, WO 02/44123, WO 02/34709, WO 00/01660, WO 99/14184 and EP 1174418 disclose conversion of Gabapentin hydrochloride to a corresponding free amino acid by basic ion-exchange neutralization, followed by crystallization.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /KP/

U.S. 4,894,476 discloses a method for converting the hydrochloride salt of Gabapentin into a crystalline monohydrate by eluting the aqueous solution through a basic ion-exchange resin to produce a slurry to which an alcohol is added.

U.S. 5,132,451, 5,095,148, 5,091,567 and 5,068,413 disclose hydrogenation of a cyano intermediate to liberate the free amino acid.

Respectfully submitted,

SCHWEITZER CORNMANN GROSS & BONDELL LLP

Customer No. 022831

Attorneys For Applicant

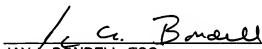
292 Madison Avenue – 19th Floor

New York, NY 10017

Telephone : (646) 424-0770

BY

JAB/cw
ENCLS


JAY A. BONDELL, ESQ.,
REG. #28,188

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, on January 5th, 2008.

Carol L. Wood 

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/553,821
Filing Date	10-19-05
First Named Inventor	S. CHAVA
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	0288-034P/JAB

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.†	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code	2 (if known)			
		US-	4,024,175	05-17-1977	SATZINGER et al	
		US-	4,087,544	05-02-1978	SATZINGER et al	
		US-	4,894,476	01-16-1990	BUTLER et al	
		US-	5,068,413	11-26-1991	STEINER et al	
		US-	5,091,567	02-25-1992	GEIBEL et al	
		US-	5,095,148	03-10-1992	METTLER et al	
		US-	5,132,451	07-21-1992	JENNINGS et al	
		US-	6,465,689 B1	10-15-2002	BRYANS et al	
		US-	2003/0009055 A1	01-09-2003	VELARDI et al	
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.†	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant/ Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	†8
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		WO	99/14184	A1	03-25-1999	BRYANS et al		
		EP	1174418		01-14-2004	BOSCH LLADO et al		
		WO	00/01660	A1	01-03-2000	PAI OCC1 et al		
		WO	02/34709	A1	05-02-2002	CANNATA et al		
		WO	02/44123	A1	06-06-2002	FERRARI et al		

Examiner Signature	/Karl Puttlitz/	Date Considered	06/15/2008
--------------------	-----------------	-----------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. † Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

†Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. †Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /KP/